THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) There is no such report with the Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

Special Recruitment test for executive trainees by O.N.G.C.

4254. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gag Commission have conducted a special recruitment test for 'Executive Trainees' in various disciplines for the first time specially for the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the number of persons that would be recruited in the field of Engineering, Management and Ad ministrative disciplines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against offer of appointment issued to 192 candidates, 163 candidates have joined.

Sea ports not having oil refinery

4255. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRIMATI ILA PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States having Sea Coast and major ports but do not have a Oil Refinery;

(b) whether Government propose to set up oil refinery in these States; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) to (c) All coastal States except the State of Goa have either refineries already located there or are being set-up or new onces proposed to be set-up.

Privatisation of Oil and ONGC

4256. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission are going to be privatised; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन

4257. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1984-85 के दौरान देश में कच्चे तेल की कुल खपत के 70 प्रतिशत तेल का उत्पादन स्वदेश में ही किया जाता था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि वर्ष 1991-92 में यह उत्पादन कम होकर 50 प्रतिशत ही रह गया है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि अप्रैल, 1992 से दिसम्बर 1992 तक की अवधि में गत वर्ष की समान अवधि की तुलना में कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन में लगभग 12 प्रतिशत की और अधिक गिरावट आयी है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने देश में कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन में वृद्धि लाने हेतु 2.1 मिलियन डालर की धनराशि व्यय करने संबंधी कोई योजना बनाई है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उक्त धनराशि को किस प्रकार व्यय करने की योजना है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मन्त्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) हालांकि वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान स्वदेशी कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन वर्ष 1984-85 में उस उत्पादन की तुलना में अधिक था पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की खपत में वृद्धि होने के कारण आत्म निर्भरता के प्रतिशत में गिरावट हुई ।

(घ) अप्रैल-दिसम्बर, 1992 के दौरान उत्पादन में गिरावट गत वर्ष के तदनुरूपी समय की तुलना में 10.8% के लगभग रही है ।

(ङ) और (च) स्वदेशी कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन में वृद्धि करने के लिये कई एक तेल एवं गैस क्षेत्र विकास योजनायें कार्यान्वित की जा रहीं हैं ।

Shortfall in production due to Paucity of funds

4258. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for possible shortfall of production target of the ONGC this year; and

(b) if so, the reasons because of which the premier unit is being starved of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATUARL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The reasons for shortfall include less base potential at the beginning of the year, reservoir constraints and environmental conditions in Assam, etc.

(b) Necessary funds for its operations are available to ONGC.

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4259. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the management struc ture of Gas Authority of India; Limi ted;

(b) whether it is a fact that GAIL does not have a full time Chairman; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to fill up this post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Gas Authority of India Limited have a Board of Directors headed by the Chairman, and Managing Director with four functional directors.

(b) The post of CMD has been vac-cant since November, 1991.

(c) A selection has been made by the Public Enterprises Selection Board and appointment is under consideration of Government,